

Maintenance of Maturity: Motivation

The third asset is the proper motivation which is expressed in the final prepositional phrase: *en* + the locative of sphere from the proper nouns: *Christos* + *Iesous* - “*which is in Christ Jesus.*”

This last prepositional phrase indicates the motivation for Timothy to maintain his spiritual status. The ultimate problem-solving device is occupation with Christ. Genuine authority orientation toward Jesus Christ as Head of the Church is not easily achieved by pastors much less many of his parishioners.

We all know the principle of His authority and orient to it academically, but to fully appreciate its implications takes a lot of doctrine and a lot of time to facilitate it. It is difficult for a pastor to fully adjust to the fact that he works exclusively for Jesus Christ and his duties entail studying and teaching his assigned flock.

His duties do not include hustling up a crowd, raising money, worrying about money, even knowing about the church’s money, molycoddling those who go into panic attacks over problems common to human life, playing up to certain members for favors, prying into other members sinful affairs, organizing a “*Clip Board Committee,*” starting programs, building schools, campaigning for politicians, or making sure mothers have a day out.

Pastoral Duty #1	Facilitate your own neural network.
Pastoral Duty #2	Hold your position through continued study.
Pastoral Duty #3	Replicate what you know into the souls and brains of your congregation by consistently teaching doctrine.

The problem-solving device which completely isolates the pastor-teacher from the cares and trials of life is his occupation with Christ. The desire to serve the Lord as a good soldier, a professional communicator, and a loyal servant is motivated by one's occupation with Him as absolute Sovereign. All the known writers of the New Testament epistles refer to themselves as slaves—*doulos*—to God and Christ:

a. Paul:

Romans 1:1 - Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus ...

Philippians 1:1 - Paul and Timothy, slaves of Christ Jesus ...

Titus 1:1 - Paul, a slave of God ...

b. James:

James 1:1 - James, a slave of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ ...

c. Peter:

2 Peter 1:1 - Simon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ ...

d. Jude:

Jude 1 - Jude, a slave of Jesus Christ ...

e. John:

Revelation 1:1 - The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to his slaves, the things which must shortly take place; and He sent and communicated it by His angel to His slave John.

Therefore, in this final flurry of prepositional phrases we see the orientation, mental attitude, and motivation necessary to facilitate and maintain a neural network of doctrinal truth:

1. Orientation is to previously learned doctrines which form the foundation for rapid spiritual advance towards Santa Fé.
2. The mental attitude is virtue love which consists of the two tandem problem-solving devices: #7 personal love for God combined with #8 unconditional love towards all mankind.
3. Motivation is derived from occupation with Christ and the assumption of the status of slave to Him as sovereign Ruler of the Church.

We have now completed the exegesis of two of the three verses in our passage. The corrected and expanded translation reads as follows:

2 Timothy 1:12 - For this reason, I am caused to suffer these things. But I am not ashamed for I know intensively in Whom I have believed and I have received confidence through a facilitated neural network that He keeps on being able to guard my deposit against that distant day of judgment.

2 Timothy 1:13 - Keep on having constellations which form a pattern, mold, or die containing correct doctrinal categories which you have heard from me as the immediate source by means of previously learned doctrines and by means of virtue love which is in Christ Jesus.

Now we move to 2 Timothy 1:14 and another imperative mood associated with the Doctrine of Deposits.

2 Timothy 1:14

The verse begins with an accusative singular direct object used as a demonstrative pronoun: *ten* - “*that*” emphasizes the residence of doctrinal memory traces facilitated in Timothy's neural network. It is accompanied by the singular accusative adjective: *kalos* - “*noble*,” “*honorable*,” “*beneficial*.”